105th Annual
Montana PTA Convention

World of Opportunity

September 30—October 3, 2020
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Welcome PTA Leaders to the 105th Montana PTA State Convention. This is also the first virtual convention.

Since this is our first virtual convention please bear with us as we navigate through the sea of technology waters. Your state board has worked hard to learn how to do this virtual adventure because we want your convention experience to be a good one, whether it is your first convention or your 30th.

I invite you to take part in as much as you can. Please attend the vendors time, without them these types of events are not possible. Participate in the chat sessions, networking virtual style. Feel free to ask questions and answer others. Share with and learn from the others. We have scheduled each workshop so that there are no conflicts, convention attendees can participate in all events.

I especially will miss the chance to meet each of you personally, my favorite part of convention. Visiting with you is what helps develop state board leadership. So, if you have even a slight interest in broadening your PTA scope, please let us know in the evaluation or speak up during one of the chat sessions.

I am excited that Donald Dunn the National PTA Treasurer is our National guest for this virtual convention. He is a wealth of PTA information. He is proof that men do belong in the PTA.

Have a great convention and I’ll be trying to meet as many of you as I can.

Sheryl Scheafer

Montana PTA President
Greetings PTA Members:

Welcome to your state convention! Whether your convention is online or in person, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for setting aside this time to learn and grow as a leader. Your attendance is a testament to your commitment to making this world a better place for our nation’s children, and I am so very grateful to have you as part of our PTA family.

We had such different plans for 2020, didn’t we? COVID-19 has presented many challenges for families and schools. These challenges can make us feel like we are caught in an unpredictable storm, uncertain of what will happen next or how to navigate safely. Thankfully, I know that part of your work during this state convention will be to share and discuss some ways to turn those challenges into opportunities. As you conduct this work, I urge you to keep in mind the words of author Doe Zantamata.

“When passing through the storms of life, please remember: 1. It could be worse 2: It will get better. Stay strong, focus on what you can do, not what you cannot, and know that the clouds will soon part, and the sun will return again.”

In moments of crisis, our PTA mission becomes that much more important. So, we must not be hindered by fear, because in these storms of life, there is a unique opportunity to start fresh. To do something new or different because the old options and ways just don’t fit like they used to.

That’s exactly why National PTA created our new membership campaign, PTA for Your Child. Our new membership theme is that PTA is no longer a noun. It’s a verb! An action plan to support your child’s success. There’s no wrong way to PTA, and by using the campaign materials, you’ll issue an invitation to every family in your school to participate, because we can do more together than we can do apart. You can get your kit with step-by-step guide, social media materials, an elevator pitch, sample ask letters and more at PTA.org. Consider it my gift to you!

My wish for you during your state convention is to listen and learn. I hope that what you discover will help you keep an open mind and a brave heart over the next few months. Please know that you are not alone. PTA always has your back.

Together, I know that our PTA family will take this challenging time in our history and turn it into an opportunity to build an even better future for our nation’s children. One in which every child’s potential can truly become a reality.

Thank you for all you do. Have a great convention!

Best wishes,

Leslie Boggs
President, National PTA
August 31, 2020

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 105th Annual Parent Teacher Association (PTA) virtual State Convention. With health and safety in mind, this year’s convention, a “World of Opportunity,” has been transformed into a fully digital experience, allowing members from all across Montana to take part in leadership and advocacy training remotely.

As the largest non-profit parent involvement and child advocacy association in Montana and the United States, the nearly 3,600 Montana PTA members are among our children’s most important advocates. Thank you for the incredible work you do for our state and local communities to help Montana’s children and families grow through education, leadership, and communication.

As Governor and father of three, I believe a quality education is the best way to ensure all children have a fair shot at a bright, successful future. Quality education is a valuable tool for economic growth and job creation in Montana. Regardless of where we are born or how wealthy our parents are, our public schools open doors of opportunity for all Montanans.

I appreciate the work that Montana PTA does to help strengthen our schools and communities. Your efforts help Montana’s children grow into the next generation of strong, innovative leaders. On behalf of all Montanans, I thank you.

I hope this year’s convention is valuable, enjoyable, and expands your mission of advocating for all of Montana’s children. Keep up the excellent work!

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor
August 24, 2020

Montana PTA
P.O. Box 1269
Laurel, MT 59044

Dear Montana Parents,

Welcome to the 105th annual Montana PTA convention and thank you for the invitation to address your organization! Even though we can't be together in person, I know that this virtual conference will be a valuable opportunity to talk about family involvement in the changing landscape of education under COVID-19.

I have been honored to work with the Montana PTA leadership to create guidance for safely reopening Montana schools. This guidance ensures that local families, schools, and health departments are the driving forces behind opening schools in a way that best meets the needs of Montana's diverse local communities. You can learn more at: http://opi.mt.gov/Re-opening-Schools.

As a mother, grandmother, teacher, and your State Superintendent, it is my honor to be able to serve Montana's students alongside you. The number one indicator for student success is a supportive and engaged family unit. The Montana PTA has consistently been that strong family voice in education. I was blessed to serve as the local PTA president at Sandstone Elementary in Billings for several years. For 23 years as a classroom teacher, I embraced the challenges and celebrated the successes of our students. It is important to the OPI that more families become actively involved in their child's education. It is equally important that school leaders form a strong partnership with the families in their communities.

I encourage you to make the most of this conference to gain skills and knowledge that will help you become even stronger leaders. Thank you for making Montana proud and for putting Montana students first!

Sincerely,

Elsie Amtenz
Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction
PRESENTER BIO’S

Donald Dunn, National PTA Secretary/Treasurer
Donald Dunn was elected National PTA Secretary-Treasurer in June 2019. He is a committed advocate for children, families and educators who has served two terms on the National PTA Board of Directors. Blending his professional experiences and volunteer affiliations has allowed him to create a lasting positive impact for others.

Dunn has advanced through PTA leadership roles. He previously served as North Carolina State PTA president and in 2015 hosted National Convention in Charlotte. In 2017 he was part of a volunteer group for the Lifetouch Memory Mission trip to the Dominican Republic where he help build a rural community school. He continues to be involved with several local Title 1 schools. He volunteers with Forsyth Educator Partnership, a nonpartisan organization that collects donations and school supplies for local public schools, awards grants to educators, and supports arts education.

Dunn and his family own and operate two five-star childcare centers in Winston-Salem, N.C and also operate group homes for adults with disabilities. Dunn’s professional background is in banking, finance and pharmaceutical sales management. He graduated from Winston-Salem State University and he and his wife Ann have one daughter.

Sheryl Scheafer, President of the Montana PTA
Montana State PTA President, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Billings, President of the Board. Ending the Silence, and In Our Own Voice presenter.

Rebecca Noell, Montana PTA Treasurer
I am currently serving in the roll of Montana PTA Treasurer and before that I served two years as the Treasurer at Broadwater PTA in Billings. I have two kiddos in elementary school. I like to stay engaged with my local community and work to make Billings a great place to live. I enjoy exercise, nature, and reading.

Garri Mauch, Montana PTA Advocacy Chair
Hello! And welcome to this year’s convention. My name is Garri Mauch. I am currently serving my third year as Valley View PTA President in Great Falls. This past November, I stepped into an additional role with the Montana State PTA as the MT State Advocate. This role gives me the Federal Legislative Chair with the National PTA. I am your voice on the Hill! I am your Montana PTA Advocate.

I’m happily married to a very smart and witty Scientist. We are both work in healthcare. I have two beautiful children. They are my everything! I joined local, state, and National PTA to provide a better future for my children and yours. I will do that by boosting morale amongst our faculties locally and advocating for our schools nationally. I hope that you have a colorful week with us.

Callie Clark, Montana PTA Membership Chair
Welcome to the 2020 Virtual Montana PTA Convention. My name is Callie Clark I am your State Membership Chair and the mother to 3 very active cowboys and wife to a loving husband. I am a 4th year President for my local PTA Chapter. I am always encouraging parents and teachers to join Montana PTA to stand together and help to make a difference in our children’s education experience.

Meghan Cox, Montana PTA Convention Chair
I am currently serving as Montana PTA Convention Chair. I have been a member of my local unit for several years and have served as President, Vice President, and Member at Large. I love connecting with the community and helping people. I have two children and I am a nanny to two more.

Dean Jardee, Whittier PTA President
Dean Jardee is a native Montana who grew up in Ekalaka. He has been working in education for 25 years as an elementary teacher, school administrator, professional development facilitator, and currently as a library media assistant. He served on the Montana PTA Board of Directors for two years, has attended both National and Montana Conferences, and currently serves as President of Whittier PTA in Great Falls. He knows the value of parents and teachers working together to meet the needs of students.

Elgin Allen, AIM CEO and Owner
Elgin Allen formed AIM in 1989 and is the CEO and Owner. Prior to starting his own company, Elgin had 13 years of mixed insurance and accounting experience. AIM currently Partners with 48 of the 50 State PTA’s and is the largest writer of PTA’s in the country. Elgin has four children, two which work with him, one lives in California and the fourth is a Senior at the University of Texas in Austin. Elgin and his wife Rachel have been married 30 years. Elgin enjoys spending time with his family and has three granddaughters ages 4, 2 and 6 months old.
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WELCOME TO CONVENTION!!

We are so glad that you’ve joined us for Convention. You might have questions about how this all works. Here are some helpful hints - but if you have any questions at any time, please feel free to ask!

Why are we here?

BUSINESS: We will debate issues, amend, and vote!
INSPIRATION: Network with other PTAs, get fundraising ideas from exhibitors, explore PTA programs, attain helpful tools and knowledge (workshops)
FUN: Awards, Raffles

Business

This is all done during our two General Sessions: It is the most important part and where the real business of Montana PTA is done. We’ll vote on officers and our governing documents.

At first some of this might seem overwhelming or confusing. If you have a question or want to debate an item, we welcome it! You can utilize the Q&A feature to ask your questions. Don’t worry – we’ll help you and answer any question you might have.

Inspiration

Workshops: We have several interesting and informational workshops set up.
Exhibitors: We have awesome exhibitors for fundraising, programs, and other great ideas to take back home to your PTA. Join their session...

Fun

Recognizing winners.
Giveaways each day.

General information

Just a few tips to make sure that you have a good time and get the most out of your day:
- Follow the schedule in your program and be on time to events
- Eliminate distractions
- Ensure you are on mute
- Contact Montana PTA Board in the Q&A

CONVENTION RULES

Montana Congress of Parents and Teachers

1. Convention registrations may be transferred. A written request for the transfer from the original registrant must be presented at the convention registration.

2. Once in meeting please update your name to include your local unit PTA name.

3. Delegates are requested to be entered into meeting before the opening time - 5 minutes early.

4. When the delegation is participating in a counted vote, please use Chat feature.

5. Questions and comments should be entered using the Q&A feature.

6. Only those materials approved by the National PTA or the Montana PTA shall be displayed, distributed or sold.

7. The Montana PTA President must approve all official publicity releases.

8. The convention minutes will be reviewed by an auditing committee before submission to the Montana PTA Board of Directors for approval. A recording option shall be used by the Montana PTA Secretary to record the convention general meetings.

9. All cellular phones and audible pages must be muted during general meetings and workshop sessions.

10. The consideration of any Emergency Resolution will be governed by the National PTA Emergency Resolution procedures.
### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Are you interested in serving at the State level? We would love to hear from you!

The Montana PTA nominating committee is currently accepting applications for board and chair positions for 2020-2022:

- Treasurer – 2-year elected position
- Reflections Chair – 2-year appointed position

**Upcoming positions for 2021-2023:**

- President Elect – 1-year elected position
- Secretary – 2-year elected position
- Membership Chair – 2-year appointed position
- Convention Chair – 2-year appointed position
- Advocacy Chair – 2-year appointed position

If you are interested or would like to learn more about these positions, please contact Montana PTA at (406) 628-9007 or email: mtstatepta@gmail.com.

Not interested in a board position but would still like to be involved at a State level?? Perhaps serving as a committee member interests you without the commitment of the Chair role for Reflections, Advocacy, Convention, Membership, etc.? We have many opportunities spanning a large range of skills and time commitments.

*Please call or email today to see how you can make a difference!*

*Our success depends on YOU!*
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<th>To do this.</th>
<th>You say this:</th>
<th>May you interrupt the speaker?</th>
<th>Do you need a second?</th>
<th>Is it debatable?</th>
<th>Can it be amended?</th>
<th>What vote is needed?</th>
<th>Can it be reconsidered?</th>
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<td>Adjourn meeting</td>
<td>I move that we adjourn</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Call an intermission</td>
<td>I move that we recess for</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Majority</td>
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<td>*Complain about heat, noise, etc.</td>
<td>I rise to a question of privilege</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No vote</td>
<td>No usually</td>
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<td>Suspend further consideration of an issue</td>
<td>I move we table the motion</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>End debate and amendments</td>
<td>I move the previous question</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2/3</td>
<td>1*No</td>
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<td>Postpone discussion for a certain time</td>
<td>I move to postpone the discussion until</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Give closer study of something</td>
<td>I move to refer the matter to the committee</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>2*Yes</td>
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<td>Amend a motion</td>
<td>I move to amend the motion by</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>3*Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Introduce business</td>
<td>I move that</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>*Protest breach of rules or conduct</td>
<td>I rise to a point of order</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>4*No vote</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Vote on a ruling of the chairman</td>
<td>I appeal the chair’s decision</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>5*Majority</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Suspend rules temporarily</td>
<td>I move to suspend the rules so that</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2/3</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Avoid considering an improper matter</td>
<td>I object to consideration of this motion</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>6* 2/3</td>
<td>7*</td>
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<td>Verify a Voice Vote – Members stand</td>
<td>I call for a division – or-Division!</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No Vote</td>
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<td>*Request information</td>
<td>Point of information</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No Vote</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Take up a matter previously tabled</td>
<td>I move to take from the table</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Reconsider a hasty action</td>
<td>I move to reconsider the vote on</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>8*</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>No</td>
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*May go to the head of line at microphone-do not need a motion
1* Unless vote on question is not yet taken.
2* Unless the committee has already taken up the subject.
3* Only if the motion to be amended is debatable.
4* Except in doubtful cases.
5* A majority vote in negative needed to reserve ruling of the chair.
6* A 2/3 vote in negative needed to prevent consideration of main motion.
7* Only if the main question or motion was not, in fact, considered.
8* Only if the motion to be reconsidered is debatable.
### BALANCE SHEET

**Assets**

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<td>Checking accounts</td>
<td>$14,154.19</td>
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<td>Savings accounts</td>
<td>$12,254.30</td>
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<td>CD</td>
<td>$2,737.74</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$29,146.23</strong></td>
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**Liabilities & Equity**

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<td>Liabilities</td>
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<td><strong>Equity</strong></td>
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<td>Retained earnings</td>
<td>$28,406.82</td>
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<td>Net Income</td>
<td>$739.41</td>
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<td><strong>Total Equity</strong></td>
<td><strong>$29,146.23</strong></td>
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**Total liabilities & equity**

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### PROFIT AND LOSS

**Income**

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<td>Advertising</td>
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<td>Program contributions</td>
<td>$102.00</td>
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<td>Montana PTA Proud Grant</td>
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<td>State Convention 2019</td>
<td>$7,962.79</td>
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<td>State Dues</td>
<td>$16,974.00</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>$21.89</td>
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<td>Non-Dues Revenue</td>
<td>$150.31</td>
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<td>In-Kind Donations</td>
<td>$447.51</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>$25,993.50</strong></td>
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**Expenses**

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<td>Administrative</td>
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<td>Leadership</td>
<td>$69.22</td>
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<td>2019 Convention Expense</td>
<td>$6,954.49</td>
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<td>2020 Convention Expense</td>
<td>$40.25</td>
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<td>Membership</td>
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<td>Advocacy</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
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<td>Programs</td>
<td>$403.06</td>
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<td>Recognition</td>
<td>$238.81</td>
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<td>Grant Award</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
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<td><strong>$25,254.09</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net Income</strong></td>
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Montana PTA reports on the cash basis for both financial reporting and federal income tax purposes.

Montana PTA has filed the 990N tax return for fiscal year 2018 - 2019 with the IRS.

The completed IRS Form 990N and financial review report are available for viewing by appointment only. Please call Montana PTA at 628-9007, and office is located at 410 Colorado Ave Room 209 Laurel, MT.
Wednesday, September 30, 2020

5:30pm—5:45pm  Vendor—Elliotts of Montana

5:45pm  Kick Off / General Session #1
Welcome - Meghan Cox, Montana PTA Convention Chair
Call to Order - Sheryl Scheafer, Montana PTA President
State Convention Welcome Video - Leslies Boggs, National PTA President
Introductions - Sheryl Scheafer
Parliamentarian - Jeri Anton, Yellowstone Valley PTA Council Treasurer
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Immediately following General Session 1 —  Open Forum

Thursday, October 1, 2020

5:30pm—5:45pm  Vendor—Virtual Music Technology

5:45pm—6:30pm  Workshop—All About the Treasure  In this presentation I hope to cover all the ins and outs of the position of PTA Treasurer including duties for the roll as well as what worked for me as the treasurer of a local unit. We will also talk about what we can do this year specifically as we all try our best to navigate the changes that COVID has brought into our lives. I would like to facilitate a discussion about the concerns local units throughout Montana are faced with this school year.
Presented by Rebecca Noell, Montana PTA Treasurer

6:30pm—6:45pm  Vendor—Northwest Playground Equipment—BRONZE LEVEL SPONSOR

6:45pm—7:15pm  Workshop—MT PTA United Facebook Group  Montana PTA is proud to announce that we have a foundation for all PTA's to connect. This year the Montana State Advocate, Garri Mauch put together a Facebook site titled "Montana PTA United". This space is where you can post your ideas, share those ideas with one another and ask questions and communicate amongst colleagues. The Montana PTA United site will also have important information regarding State and National news. All PTAs united together on one platform with a common goal to create excellence throughout the state!
Presented by Garri Mauch, Montana PTA Advocacy Chair

7:15pm—7:30pm  Vendor—Success N Fundraising

Continued...
Friday, October 2, 2020

5:30pm—5:45pm  Vendor—AIM—SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR

5:45pm—6:30pm  Workshop—Membership in 2020 Welcome to the “Membership in 2020” this workshop is intended to help spark ideas and engage in conversation to help you increase your PTA team. 2020 has made us all stop and reevaluate what is important to us individually. Now we need to reevaluate as the PTA chapter to increase your team members to find those who share your common goals. Presented by Callie Clark, Montana PTA Membership Chair

6:30pm—6:45pm  Vendor—Virtual Music Technology

6:45pm—7:30pm  Workshop—Mental Illness to Mental Wellness Mental illness in a child manifests itself different than in an adult. Let’s chat about this and talk about what this looks like. What can the schools do to help? What can the PTA do to help? Let’s talk about proactive practices especially in these interesting and challenging times. Presented by Sheryl Scheafer, Montana PTA President

7:30pm—7:45pm  Vendor—Achieve Montana

Saturday, October 3, 2020

8:30am—8:45am  Vendor—Virtual Music Technology (kids encouraged to participate)

8:45am—9:15am  Workshop—Kids Storytime I will be reading a book called “We’re All Wonders” and playing a quick scavenger hunt if time allows. Presented by Meghan Cox, Montana PTA Convention Chair

9:30am—10:20am Workshop—A MoMEnT to ComMENt on MEN’s InvolveMENt in PTA Fathers, grandfathers, male caregivers, and other male role models play a powerful role in influencing and shaping the lives of children. Filling the roles of protectors, providers, supporters and teachers, men can become like superheroes in communities and schools throughout this nation. This presentation will underscore the role of men in the lives of children and provide strategies for engaging males in the PTA. Presented by Dean Jardee, Whittier PTA President

10:20am—10:55am Workshop—Why Does Your PTA Need Insurance? Your event is decorated, everyone has arrived, the fundraiser is making money, everyone is happy. But then someone gets hurt and you realize that you forgot to purchase insurance...now what? What if you discover some of the fundraising money was stolen? Don’t put yourself in that situation. Come to this learning workshop to find out how to protect yourself and your PTA. AIM will discuss the liability our PTA’s face, what coverages are available, and offer any guidance on what you need to do to protect yourself.” Presented by Elgin Allen, CEO and Owner of AIM

11:00am—11:15am  Vendor—Believe Kids Fundraising

11:15am—11:45am  Leadership Q&A National PTA Representative’s perspective on Leadership. Presented by Donald Dunn, National PTA Secretary/Treasurer

11:45am—12:30pm  Lunch Break

12:30pm  General Session #2
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Adjourn General Session #2

Immediately following General Session 2 —  Open Forum

2:45pm—3:45pm  Treasure State PTA meeting—For members of Treasure State PTA
Why is collecting and reporting volunteer hours important?

Information on volunteer hours is used for PTA audits, advocacy, and grant applications. It also maintains our federal IRS status as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. This tax exemption status is granted to non-profit organizations like PTA that show one-third of their support from the general public. The recorded hours from volunteers that you collect and submit for your PTA on page 2 of the Remittance Form is proof of this.

What volunteer hours are collected? All time spent on PTA activities related to running a unit is collected. Time spent by everyone in your unit for PTA meetings, events, and activities, including planning, preparation, communication, and travel time involved, are reported as volunteer hours. Let everyone know that if PTA asks you to do it, you can count it towards your volunteer hours.

What is the annual reporting period for volunteer hours? Collect and tally your member’s volunteer hours for the previous PTA fiscal year (for most of you it’s July 1st – June 30th) and include these hours on page 2 of the Remittance Form. Thank You!
1. Adequately Fund Education Programs Through A Regular Appropriations Process

*Action to be taken:* Montana PTA actively supports the investment for a quality education critical for our state long-term success. We will speak with a balanced and fair approach protecting vital education investments, securing dedicated funding for family engagement in education, increasing funding for IDEA and maintaining or increasing investments in quality early learning programs.

2. Reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)

*Action to be taken:* Montana PTA actively supports incentivizing family and community-based alternatives to the incarceration of youth; extending the Jail Removal and Sight and Sound Separation care requirements to all children under the age of 18 during all forms of detainment within the justice system; and requiring states to establish solutions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.

3. Reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

*Action to be taken:* Montana PTA supports greater protections for the rights of children with special needs and their parents to ensure access to resources and supports for a high-quality education; transition planning services for students with disabilities to begin no later than the age of 14 and incentivize school districts to employ specialized staff to provide these services; and advocating the inclusion of behavioral intervention plans in a student’s IEP and 504b plan.

4. Reauthorize the Child Nutrition Act

*Action to be taken:* Montana PTA strongly supports continued implementation of Healthy and Hungry free Act of 2010 and advocates for the next iteration to improve and enhance opportunities for parents to participate in the development of local school wellness policies; maintaining the current school nutrition standards and Smart Snack guidelines; and delivering technical assistance and resources to schools that are not meeting the nutrition standards.

5. Reauthorize and Modernize the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) and Children’s Online Privacy Protections Act (COPPA)

*Action to be taken:* Montana PTA strongly advocates school districts and schools, be transparent and engaged with families on the development, implementation and notification of student data privacy policies and procedures and they provide restrictions around the collection, use, storage, security and destruction of student data and educational records.

6. Improve the Well-Being and Learning Environment of Children

*Action to be taken:* Montana PTA will continue to advocate for laws that promote and enhance the emotional, mental and physical well-being of students both in and out of school; schools to enact policies that address the prevention, intervention and elimination of all types of bullying behaviors both inside and outside of school; and encourage the use of positive behavioral interventions and support, and enhance opportunities for personalized learning.

7. Expand and Enhance Early Childhood Education Opportunities

*Action to be taken:* Montana PTA supports legislation that improves the development of our earliest learners; family engagement policies in the development, implementation and evaluation of all early childhood programs, including home visiting programs; the increase of access to high-quality early childhood care and education opportunities for infants and toddlers through the Early Head Start and Head Start programs; the expansion of opportunities for evidence-based home-visiting services for parents of infants and toddlers.

8. Protect Youth, Families and Communities from Gun and Other Violence

*Action to be taken:* Montana PTA will actively promote education initiatives that raise public awareness of firearm safety and gun violence prevention strategies, including safe gun storage programs. A crucial component of effective learning is the safety of children and faculty in all school settings and is a fundamental right which has made it the utmost priority for programmatic and advocacy work. This includes programming and policies related to safe routes to school, bullying prevention and the protection of children from gun violence.
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Remember to map your PTA year. Here’s just a short list, and remember to sign up for e-learning courses online at www.pta.org/elearning.

National PTA has many resources to help your PTA throughout the year.

The Local PTA Leader Kit is online at www.ptakit.org.

What’s your membership goal this year?
Do you know how many events/opportunities you will need volunteers for?
Do you have a list of volunteers?
Is there one main goal your PTA is working towards?
Are your board meetings planned for the year? A board always works better when there’s communication. It’s better to be organized when you have a general meeting and bring items to your members to vote on.
Has your board looked at successes from last year and what didn’t work? Which activities will you do again?

It gets really busy and we forget about baby steps that really help the PTA board.

ENJOY YOUR YEAR!!!!

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Without their support we would not have Convention. Please make sure you attend all their scheduled times to find out what they have to offer.
The arts—and the National PTA® Reflections program—support student success and serve as a valuable tool for engaging families and building strong partnerships in the school community. Founded in 1969, Reflections engages over 300,000 students and their families in arts education activities each year by encouraging students to explore the arts for fun and recognition.

START your PTA Reflections program today!

Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 students are encouraged to submit original works of art in one or more of the following categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Music Composition
- Film Production
- Literature
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Students who identify as having a disability may enter in the Special Artist Division or grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. Check with your state PTA for program guidelines, submission deadlines and recognition opportunities. Learn more and get involved!

Awards and Exhibits

Student entries submitted to the national level go through two rounds of review by esteemed arts professionals across the country. Over 200 students are recognized for their achievements in the arts and their works are exhibited throughout the year. Top national-level winners are provided prizes and scholarships and their works are showcased and exhibited.

Reflections Theme Contest

Students are invited to submit a concept to be considered for a future Reflections program theme. Every year, one student’s theme is selected by a team of National PTA volunteers and the winning student is awarded and recognized. Contact your state PTA for guidelines and entry form.

Mary Lou Anderson Arts Enhancement Grant

This grant provides matching dollar funding to local PTAs to support in-school and after-school arts enhancement projects within their communities. PTAs serving at-risk student populations are particularly encouraged to apply.

Don’t have an active PTA/PTSA affiliate?

Contact National PTA at info@PTA.org or (800) 307-4782 and we will help you bring the arts to your school community with Reflections.

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Montana PTA Reflections

A special thank you to all our 2019-2020 Reflections Chairs!


With your hard work and dedication we received 77 entries at the State level with 20 entries moving on to the National level and 2 National winners.

Congratulations!

Brooke Painter from Great Falls won an Award of Merit in Music Composition.
Campbell Bach from Bigfork won an Award of Merit in Visual Arts.

Due to COVID-19 there was no Reflections Celebration held in May this year. However, a Reflections newsletter was completed. We hope you encourage all of your student body to participate in the 2020-2021 Reflections program.

We look forward to our next Reflections Celebration in the Spring of 2021.

For 50 years, National PTA’s Reflections program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

The National PTA Reflections program offers local, regional, state and national opportunities for young artists in Pre-K through Grade 12 to be recognized for their creativity in dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. It’s a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the 2020-2021 theme:

I Matter Because...

2021 National Winners — The 2020-2021 national winners will be announced May 1, 2021. Honorees will be celebrated at the at the National PTA Convention, June 2021.

Would your Local Unit be interested in participating in the Reflections program this year? For more information and to participate, please contact Montana PTA at mtstatepta@gmail.com

~ Montana PTA Reflections ~

REFLECTIONS DEADLINE!

Reflections entries submitted to the State level must be received by

February 1, 2021
National PTA Reflections Awards

Each year, students in Pre-K through Grade 12 are invited to create and submit original works of art in the areas of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. Based on State PTA rules and guidelines, these works of art may be submitted for state and national level awards and recognition opportunities.

Of the national-level submissions, over 200 student Reflections participants will receive the following awards from National PTA:

**Merit Award:** Bronze Medal; Certificate of Merit; Work featured in the traveling exhibition

**Award of Excellence:** $200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; Work featured in the traveling exhibition

**Outstanding Interpretation Award:** $800 Young Artist Scholarship; Gold Medal; Certificate of Outstanding Interpretation; Work featured in the traveling exhibition; $200 Prize for Local PTA Unit

Student entries submitted to the national level go through two rounds of review by esteemed arts professionals across the country. During the evaluation process, judges will consider the following criteria:

**Interpretation:** How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the work itself and the artist statement.

**Creativity:** How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.

**Technique:** The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

Judges strongly consider the interpretation of the Reflections theme during the evaluation process. It is suggested that students give their submissions a title that stands out and describes how the piece relates to the student’s personal interpretation of the theme. The following guiding questions can be useful when developing a title and artist statement:

How does your work relate to the theme?
What is your personal connection to the theme?
What did you use to create your work (e.g., supplies, technology, instrumentation, props, etc.)
What/who was your inspiration?
2019-2020 Montana PTA State *1st Place*

**Reflections Winners**

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2019-2020 Montana PTA State *2nd Place*

Reflections Winners

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2019-2020 Montana PTA State *Judge’s Award*

Reflections Winners

**Literature:**
Kannon Henry 3rd Grade Lincoln Elementary PTA

**Music:**
Macy Tatman 3rd Grade Laurel Elementary PTA
Kennedy McQuillen 3rd Grade Giant Springs Elem PTA
Tristan Markegard 4th Grade Laurel Elementary PTA

**Visual Art:**
Macy Hurin Kindergarten Giant Springs Elem PTA
Cody Kerr 1st Grade Poly Drive PTA
Nolan Budge 1st Grade Alkali Creek Elem PTA
Reagan Auer 2nd Grade Laurel Elementary PTA
Sophia Spini 3rd Grade Laurel Elementary PTA
Iris Gallagher 5th Grade Poly Drive PTA
Keegan Budge 5th Grade Alkali Creek Elem PTA
Zoe Elizabeth Sellers 8th Grade Bigfork School PTA

**Photography:**
Oden Clark Kindergarten Sacajawea PTA
Taylee Proud 2nd Grade Giant Springs Elem PTA
Jazzlyn Weed 2nd Grade Alkali Creek Elem PTA
Maren Marshall 4th Grade Lincoln Elementary PTA
Lydia Comstock 5th Grade Riverview PTA
Maicee Helmbrecht 4th Grade Alkali Creek Elem PTA
Landry Moog 6th Grade Giant Springs Elem PTA
Reflections Winners — PHOTOGRAPHY

Carter Spearing
Giant Springs Elementary PTA

Kilian Lilly
Lincoln Elementary PTA

Katie Hummel
Bigfork School PTA

Liam Shepherd
Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Reflections Winners — VISUAL ARTS

Campbell Bach
Bigfork School PTA

Lily Bryman
Bigfork School PTA

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Giant Springs Elementary PTA

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| 1983 | Ellen Borgeau, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Jeannine Curtiss, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Sharon Finney  
Mavis Heitmann  
Paulette Linabary  
Linda Malingo  
Karen Mitchell, (MPTSA Board)  
Dave Price  
Carol Walters, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Val Ward, (Y Valley PTA Council) |
| 1985 | Barbara Millhouse, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Marilyn Taylor |
| 1986 | Beverly Ulmer, (Sacajawea PTA) |
| 1987 | Marie Mastorovich, (Sunnyside PTA)  
Mary Ungar, (MT PTA) |
| 1988 | Paul Clark, (Hawthorne PTA)  
Mick Hansen, (Hawthorne PTA)  
Ann Kahn, (MT PTA)  
Ann Lynch, (MT PTA)  
Dr. Palmer Scott Scott, (Franklin PTA)  
Joseph Stauduhar, (Mount Jumbo PTA)  
Helen Volden, (MT PTA)  
Peggy Williams, (Lowell PTA) |
| 1989 | Glenn Hoffman, (Lowell PTA)  
Arlene Zielke, (MT PTA) |
| 1990 | Colleen Baldwin, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Ron Ramsey, (Franklin PTA)  
Floy Scott, (MT PTSA)  
Dart Smith, (Missoula PTA Council) |
| 1991 | Jane Guest, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Ann McCoy, (MT PTA) |
| 1993 | Gay Allison, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Kerri Flaig, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Denise Harmon, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Abbe Hensley, (MT PTSA)  
Nan Hoverson, (Frenchtown PTA)  
Kenneth Lane, (Boulder Ave PTA) |
| 1994 | Jerry Brown, (MT PTSA)  
Dr. Peter Carparelli, (YVPTA Council)  
Del Christman, (Central Heights PTA)  
Mimi Davidson, (Hellgate Elem PTA)  
Shelly Den Boer, (MT PTSA)  
Rosie Egan, (Sunnyside PTA)  
Brandon Hendrickson, (MT PTSA)  
Cara Lockett, (MT PTSA)  
Linda Oakes, (MT PTSA)  
Toni Stancil, (Three Forks PTSA) |
| 1995 | Vicky Bostick, (Hellgate Elem PTA)  
Erika Camp, (MT PTSA)  
Jim Carpenter, (MT PTSA)  
Lee Ann Clark, (MT PTSA)  
Kathy Gessaman, (MT PTSA)  
Bill Hambrick, (MT PTSA)  
Helen Leibowitz, (MT PTSA)  
Maggie Roberts, (Y Valley PTA Council) |
| 1996 | Fred Chouinard, (Absarokee PTA)  
Sharon Cline, (Y Valley PTA Council)  
Joan Dykstra, (MT PTSA)  
Tana Harp, (Riverview PTA)  
Pamela Hartman, (Arrowhead PTA)  
Shirley Johnson, (Hellgate Elem PTA)  
Roxy Shilhanek, (Blue Creek PTA)  
Sue Vieth, (Loy PTA) |
| 1997 | Tammy Bowling, (Huntley Project PTA)  
Linda Hodge, (MT PTA) |
| 1998 | Pam Belston, (Fred Graff PTA)  
Kay Berry, (McKinley PTA)  
Randy Boysun, (Valley View PTA)  
Sue Gatton, (MT PTA)  
Sue Hull, (MT PTA)  
Kathy Levey, (Arrowhead PTA)  
Tori Matthew, (Swan Valley PTA)  
Carol Paul, (Morningside PTA)  
Ron Scherry, (Huntley Project PTA)  
Debbie Shoopman, (Lincoln School PTSA)  
Kathier Sybrant, (Great Falls PTA Council)  
Julie Wilkinson, (Washington PTA)  
Bob Williamson, (Meadowlark PTA) |
| 1999 | Brad Curtiss, (MT PTA)  
Mary Helgeson, (Boulder Ave PTA)  
Brenda Hittmeier, (Poly Drive School)  
Lorie Hughes, (Boulder Ave PTA)  
Maryann Kolbeck, (MT PTSA)  
Ken Nordquist, (Meadow Lark PTA)  
Leigh Spencer, (Meadow Lark PTA)  
Larry Wilkinson, (MT PTA)  
Nancy Zadick, (Lincoln School PTSA) |
| 2000 | Vicky Bostick, (Montana PTA)  
Marilyn Clark, (Sacajawea PTA)  
Mimi Davidson, (Montana PTA)  
Bryan Dunn, (Montana PTA)  
Judy Higgins, (West Elem. PTA)  
Ann Holm, (Boulder Ave PTA)  
Linda Johnson, (Poly Drive PTA)  
Kim Krattiger, (Montana PTA)  
Shirley Igo, (MT PTA)  
Laurie Larson, (Hellgate Elem PTSA)  
Elizabeth McGrath, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Mary Richards, (Missoula PTA Council)  
Pat Tallent, (Montana City PTA)  
Sherri Villar, (Loy PTA)  
Pam Belston, (Fred Graff PTA)  
Kay Berry, (McKinley PTA)  
Randy Boysun, (Valley View PTA)  
Sue Gatton, (MT PTA)  
Sue Hull, (MT PTA)  
Kathy Levey, (Arrowhead PTA)  
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Carol Paul, (Morningside PTA)  
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Julie Wilkinson, (Washington PTA)  
Bob Williamson, (Meadowlark PTA) |
Carol Linaflter, (Riverview PTA)
Delly Presley, (Riverview PTA)
Vicki Rafel, (Montana PTA)
Janey Salomon, (Montana PTA)
Bill Salonen, (Morningside PTA)
Debbie Shoopman, (Montana PTA)
Gail Surwill, (Wa. School PTA)
Cathy Warhank, (Riverview PTA)
Julie Wilkinson, (Montana PTA)

2001
Jeri Anton, (Huntley Project PTA)
Cathy Day, (Montana PTA)
Eileen Dolphay, (Morningside PTA)
Suzi Ekness, (Riverview PTA)
Candace Johnson, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Mark Larson, (Montana City PTA)
Ginny Markell, (Montana PTA)
Debby Plath, (Meadowlark PTA)
Cathy Rominger, (Riverview PTA)
Heather Salois, (Montana PTA)
Sheryl Scheafer, (Montana PTA)
Kim Smith, (Montana PTA)
Leigh Spencer, (Montana PTA)
Deb Yerkes, (Lincoln Elem. PTA)

2002
Shannon Anderson, (Meadowlark PTA)
Wilma Blaquiere, (PGMS PTSA)
Lila Bock, (Montana City PTA)
Garla Boland, (Montana PTA)
Brenda Chouinard, (Absarokee PTA)
Bonnie Flanagan, (Absarokee PTA)
Anna Hewitt, (Riverview PTA)
Colleen Irish, (Morningside PTA and MT PTA)
June Jeziorski, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Latha Krishnaiyer, (Montana PTA)
Deb LeVeaux, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Lisa Lewis-Devine, (Morningside PTA)
Susan McCartney, (Eagle Cliffs PTA)
Beth Price Morrison, (Montana PTA)

Denise Schilling, (Meadowlark PTA)
Crockett Witt, (Absarokee PTA)

2003
Becky Agamenoni, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Jane Bjordahl, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Sherri Carl, (Riverview PTA)
Mary Ann Cosgrove, (Lewis & Clark PTA)
Brenda Dockter, (Montana PTA)
Mary Ann Garrity, (Morningside PTA)
Jake Goodlaxon, (Montana PTA)
Kathy Kamura, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Dani Kline, (Mary Breen, Jody Murray, Denise Maki, Treacie Burback)
Janet Larkin, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Rita Maze, (Morningside PTA)
Pam Nommensen, (Riverview PTA)
Karen Preble, (Washington PTA)
Mark Townsend, (Montana PTA)
Valerie Umemoto, (Riverview PTA)

2004
Barbara Benish, (Montana City PTA)
Michelle Dayton, (Lincoln PTSA)
Ray Dayton, (Lincoln PTSA)
Mary Ellen Earnhardt, (Montana City PTA)
Glenda Hawker, (Meadowlark PTA)
Christa Hays, (Riverview PTA)
Mary McLeod, (East Middle School PTA)
Jamie Miron, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Cathleen Morrison, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Colleen Nichols, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Daisy Nyberg, (Absarokee PTA)
Nancy Singleton, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Jan Wallace, (Absarokee PTA)
Kathy Webster, (Boulder Ave PTA)

2005
Kena Althoff, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Eva Blackman, (Alberton PTA)
Julie Caster, (Huntley Project PTA)
Valerie Dobbs, (East Middle School PTA)
Vickie Donisthorpe, (Lewis & Clark PTA)
Jodie Drange, (Fred Graff PTA)
Kathy Firman, (East Middle School PTA)
Dee Hensley-Maclean, (Hamilton PTA)
Mende Kloppe, (East Middle School PTA)
Danielle Kopp, (Fred Graff PTA)
Mindy Leach, (Riverview PTA)
Josh Middleton, (Fred Graff PTA)
Kisha Miller, (Fred Graff PTA)
Dawn Milligan, (MT PTA)
David Munson, (Meadowlark PTA)
Jody Murray, (GF PTA Council)
Tammy Nabozney, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Robbin Nagel, (Broadwater PTA)
Chuck Saylors, (Montana PTA)
Devan Smith, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Sherlynn Stewart, (Lockwood PTA)
Ann Super, (Montana City PTA)
Beth Verlanic, (Fred Graff PTA)
Maggie Walters, (Montana PTA)
Carol Wicker, (YVPTA Council)
Renata Witte, (Montana PTA)

2006
Thale Arthun, (Absarokee PTA)
Lara Eisenbarth, (Montana PTA)
Vicki Hodgson, (Big Sky Elem. PTA)
Dean Jardee, (Montana PTA)
Denise Maki, (North MS PTA)
Kelly Maki, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Lynn Noland, (Meadowlark PTA)
Lynae Oberholtzer, (Morningside PTA)
Kristin Rapacz, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Tracy Sandon, (Meadowlark PTA)
Anna Weselak, (Montana PTA)
Patricia Zirotti, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Honor Roll — MT PTA Honorary Life Membership Recipients (cont.)

2007
Susan Ballantyne, (Sacajawea PTA)
Laura Dobbs, (Montana PTA)
Rosalyn Grooms, (Riverview PTA)
Iona Grundmann, (Morningside PTA)
Jeri Jagger, (Montana City PTA)
Sylvia Johnson, (Lincoln PTSA, Lincoln)
Jay Lemelin, (Rose Park PTA)
Tom Maguire, (North MS PTA)
Sanford McAllister, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Doug Reisig, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Susan Sanford, (Montana PTA)
Brenda Sommerville, (Meadowlark PTA)
Julie Waller, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Lonnie Yingst, (Montana PTA)

2008
Dale Ahrens, (Laurel Elementary PTA)
Robin Allestad, (Lewis & Clark PTA)
Mel Askings, (Absarokee PTA)
Jennifer Doyle, (Morningside PTA)
Shelly Fagenstrom, (East Middle School PTA)
Andrea Fischer, (Laurel Elementary PTA)
Kim Halverson, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Lee Hipsher, (Longfellow PTA)
Betsy Landers, (Montana PTA)
Bonnie Olson, (Big Sky Elem. PTA)
Janet Smith, (Valley View PTA)
Ruth Uecker, (Great Falls PTA Council)

2009
Peggy Mallette, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Karelle Potts, (Riverview PTA)
Kim Orr, (Somers/Lakeside PTA)
Carol Rowley, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Devan Smith, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Jennifer Toennis, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Teresa Williams, (Montana PTA)

2010
Al Tamangi, (Montana PTA)
April Mastro luca, (Montana PTA)

2011
Dale Ahrens, (Laurel Elementary PTA)
Robin Allestad, (Lewis & Clark PTA)
Mel Askings, (Absarokee PTA)
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Bonnie Olson, (Big Sky Elem. PTA)
Janet Smith, (Valley View PTA)
Ruth Uecker, (Great Falls PTA Council)

2012
Mariellen Ritts (Montana PTA)
Sherry Holderith (Montana PTA)

2013
Tammy Crum (Eagle Cliffs PTA)
Linda Johnson (Montana PTA)
James Accomando (Montana PTA)

2014
Anna King (Montana PTA)

2015
Marcus Ivey (Montana PTA)
Korrie Butler (Montana PTA)

2016
Amy Arness (Montana PTA)
Alvin Gainey (Montana PTA)

2017
Leslie Boggs (Montana PTA)

Contact the Montana PTA Office to find out how to honor your volunteers with a Montana PTA Honorary Life Membership! Proceeds benefit Montana PTA Programs.
Membership Winners

Congratulations to all these units who increased their membership over last year by 12 or more members! Keep up the good work!

Bigfork PTA  
Bonner PTA  
Lewis & Clark PTA, Msla  
Hellgate PTA  
East PTA, GF  
Meadow Lark PTA, GF  
North MS PTA, GF  
Sacajawea PTA, GF  
Eagle Cliffs PTA, Blgs  
Highland PTSA, Blgs  
Glendive PTA  
McKinley PTA, Blgs  
Meadowlark PTA, Blgs  
Sandstone PTA, Blgs

Membership Award
Recipient
Huntley Project PTA
Congratulations!

Leadership Award
Recipient
Huntley Project PTA
Congratulations!

MONTANA PTA PROUD GRANT 2020 RECIPIENT
Longfellow Elementary PTA

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER 2020
Dennis & Sue Turton—Whittier Elementary PTA

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR 2020
Tammy Murphy - Huntley Project PTA
A MONTANA PTA UNIT IN GOOD STANDING

For a Montana PTA local unit to be in “good standing” it must:

◊ Comply with National PTA Bylaws, Montana PTA Bylaws, and the Uniform Bylaws for Local Units
◊ Adhere to the PTA Vision, Mission, Values, Purposes and basic policies of the PTA.
◊ Submit appropriate membership data and dues to the Montana PTA by November 1st and April 1st.
◊ Remit required liability insurance premiums to AIM Insurance by May 1st.
◊ File the appropriate 990-N, 990-EZ, or 990 Federal Tax Return on an annual basis at fiscal year end.
◊ Submit an Officer Reporting Form to the Montana PTA by June 1 and update the Montana PTA office when new officers are elected throughout the year.
◊ Submit a copy of the Local Unit Standing Rules to the Montana PTA on an annual basis.
◊ File an annual Corporate Renewal Form and submit the yearly fee of $20.00 to the Secretary of State prior to April 15th.
◊ Conduct an annual financial review of the local unit’s financial records and submit a copy to the Montana PTA.
Today's PTA

PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America. Today's PTA is comprised of more than 4 million parents, teachers, grandparents, caregivers, foster parents and other caring adults who share a commitment to improving the education, health, and safety of all children. We speak with one voice for every child.

Today, the issues that affect our children extend beyond their individual schools. The PTA's nationwide network provides parents with the forum and tools to collectively influence the decisions that affect children not only at their schools, but also throughout their districts, within their states, and across the nation. This mission is unique to PTA.

Many of the benefits our children receive today, such as universal kindergarten, the National School Lunch Program, and a juvenile justice system, were accomplished as a result of the PTA mission.

With PTA, families also have access to important benefits, including:

Dozens of national programs, experts, and turnkey resources

Regular updates and advice in the form of e-newsletters, PTA.org, Our Children magazine, and a robust Local PTA Leader Kit of resources

Leadership development through webinars and e-learning courses

Millions of dollars in grants to help build PTA capacity and skills

• Prestigious national awards
• Cost savings from national retailers and other PTA partners

Invitations to PTA conventions as well as our conferences for emerging minority leaders, male mentors, and advocates

Support services and staff to help establish and manage your PTA

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Get started at PTA.org/Programs

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
PTA’s signature school recognition program is dedicated to strengthening family-school partnerships. Enroll for everything your PTA needs to champion change for every child.

REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM
For 50+ years, Reflections has sparked student participation in the arts. Celebrate arts education and student achievement by hosting exhibitions and celebration events for the whole school community.

STEM + FAMILIES
Spark, inspire and engage students and families with hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math experiences hosted by your PTA. Learning in school and at home has never been this fun!

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
Healthy kids make better students, so help your PTA families thrive. Use our tips and tools to improve school meals, create a positive school climate and offer fun physical activities.

PTA CONNECTED
Let’s keep our kids safe, kind and secure online! Connect parents to the tools and research they need to explore solutions to today’s biggest online concerns.

Share Your PTA Program Success! Use #PTAProud

Grants & Giveaways
National PTA awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and prizes to support PTAs as they work to make every child’s potential a reality.

Available opportunities at PTA.org/Grants
ACTION ITEMS

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Laurel Public Schools for the office space!

PTA Mission
The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CREATE OR UPDATE YOUR PTA PROFILE TODAY!
www.pta.org

PTA Values

- **Collaboration:** We will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all children and families.

- **Commitment:** We are dedicated to children’s educational success, health, and well-being through strong family and community engagement, while remaining accountable to the principles upon which our association was founded.

- **Diversity:** We acknowledge the potential of everyone without regard, including but not limited to: age, culture, economic status, educational background, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, legal status, marital status, mental ability, national origin, organizational position, parental status, physical ability, political philosophy, race, religion, sexual orientation, and work experience.

- **Respect:** We value the individual contributions of members, employees, volunteers, and partners as we work collaboratively to achieve our association’s goals.

- **Accountability:** All members, employees, volunteers, and partners have a shared responsibility to align their efforts toward the achievement of our association’s strategic initiatives.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING! STAY WELL AND SAFE!